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## NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 1 **DIEMER & WEI, LLP** Signed and Filed: August 21, 2019 2 Kathryn S. Diemer (#133977) 100 West San Fernando Street, Suite 555 in Montale. 3 San Jose, CA 95113 Telephone: (408) 971-6270 4 **DENNIS MONTALI** Facsimile: (408) 971-6271 U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Email: kdiemer@diemerwei.com 5 6 WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP 7 Matthew A. Feldman (pro hac vice) Joseph G. Minias (pro hac vice) 8 Benjamin P. McCallen (pro hac vice) 787 Seventh Avenue 9 New York, NY 10019-6099 Telephone: (212) 728-8000 10 Facsimile: (212) 728-8111 Email: mfeldman@willkie.com 11 iminias@willkie.com 12 bmccallen@willkie.com 13 Counsel for Ad Hoc Group of Subrogation Claim Holders 14 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 15 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 16 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION 17 Case No. 19-30088 In re: Chapter 11 18 PG&E CORPORATION, (Lead Case) 19 - and -(Jointly Administered) 20 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC ORDER GRANTING THE MOTION OF THE COMPANY, 21 AD HOC GROUP OF SUBROGATION CLAIM Debtors. HOLDERS FOR RELIEF FROM THE 22 **AUTOMATIC STAY** ☐ Affects PG&E Corporation 23 ☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company 24 ☑ Affects both Debtors 25

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The Official Committee of Tort Claimants (the "TCC"), on July 2, 2019, filed a motion (the "Motion") (Dkt. No. 2842), 1 pursuant to section 362(d)(1) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), sections 1334(c) and 1452(b) of title 28, Rules 4001 and 5011(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Rule 4004-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California for entry of an order terminating the automatic stay to permit certain individuals to proceed to a jury trial on their personal injury and property damage claims against the Debtors arising from the 2017 Tubbs Fire in the California Superior Court, and to request the Court in the California North Bay Fire Cases, JCCP 4955, to order the claims of those individuals to proceed to a jury trial with preference pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 36. On July 9, 2019, the TCC filed an amendment to the Motion to include a number of individuals with personal injury, wrongful death and property damage claims, as listed on Exhibit A hereto (the "Tubbs Preference Plaintiffs") (Dkt. No. 2904).

The following joinders were filed to the Motion: (1) the joinder by Co-Lead Counsel to the North Bay Fire Cases, dated July 2, 2019 (Dkt. No. 2850); (2) the joinder by Barbara Thompson, John Thompson, Matthew Thompson, Peter Thompson, Raymond Breitenstein, and Stephen Breitenstein, dated July 3, 2019 (Dkt. No. 2861); (3) the joinder by John Caslin and Phyllis Lowe, dated July 11, 2019 (Dkt. No. 2929); (4) the joinder by William Edelen, Roxanne Edelen, The William L. Edelen and Roxanne G. Edelen Trust Agreement Dated June 22, 2011, Burton Fohrman, Raleigh Fohrman, The Fohrman Family Trust Dated February 3, 1976, Jeremy Olsan, Ann DuBay, Jacob Olsan, the Jeremy L. Olsan and Ann M. DuBay Trust Dated November 29, 2011, Kathleen Groppe, Ken Kirven, Brian Kirven, and the Estate of Monte Kirven, dated July 11, 2019 (Dkt. No. 2930); (5) the joinder by Don Louis Kamprath, Ruth Kamprath, the Donald L. Kamprath and Ruth Johnson Kamprath Revocable Trust, Elizabeth Fourkas, Pete Fourkas, Alissa Fourkas, the Fourkas Family Trust, Greg Wilson, and Christina

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Motion.

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Wilson, dated July 11, 2019 (Dkt. No. 2942); (7) the joinder by Armando A. Berriz, Armando J. Berriz, Carmen T. Meissner, Monica Berriz, and the Estate of Carmen Caldentey Berriz, dated July 11, 2019 (Dkt. No. 2943); and (8) the joinder by the Singleton Law Firm Victim Claimants, dated July 18, 2019, to add the individuals listed on **Exhibit B** hereto (Dkt. No. 3067).

The Ad Hoc Group of Subrogation Claim Holders<sup>2</sup>, on July 3, 2019, filed a Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay, dated July 3, 2019 (the "Subrogation Motion") (Dkt. No. 2863). The following joinders were filed to the Subrogation Motion: (1) the joinder filed on behalf of AMICA Mutual Insurance Company, BG Resolution Partners I-A, L.L.C. (an Affiliate of The Baupost Group, L.L.C.), Encompass Insurance Company, Fire Insurance Exchange, Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company, Liberty Insurance Corporation, Mercury Insurance, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, and United Services Automobile Association, dated July 12, 2019 (Dkt. No. 2959) (the "July 12 Joinder"); and (2) the joinder by State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and its affiliates and subsidiaries, dated July 15, 2019 (Dkt. No. 2983) (the "July 15 Joinder"). The parties to the July 12 Joinder and the July 15 Joinder are collectively referred to herein as the "Subrogation Joining Parties."

On July 19, 2019, the following papers were filed in opposition to the Motion and the Subrogation Motion: (1) the Debtors filed an objection (Dkt. No. 3104) and the declaration of Kevin J. Orsini in support thereof (Dkt. No. 3105); (2) the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors filed an objection (Dkt. No. 3101) and the declaration of Thomas R. Kreller in support thereof (Dkt. No. 3102); (3) the Ad Hoc Committee of Senior Unsecured Noteholders filed a joinder to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors' objection (Dkt. No 3106); and (4) certain PG&E shareholders filed an objection (Dkt. No. 3108).

On August 7, 2019, Barbara Thompson, John Thompson, Matthew Thompson, Peter Thompson, Raymond Breitenstein and Stephen Breitenstein filed a reply in support of their

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Ad Hoc Group of Subrogation Claim Holders includes all of the members listed on Exhibit A to the Third Amended Verified Statement of the Ad Hoc Group of Subrogation Claim Holders filed on July 17, 2019 (Dkt. No. 3020).

joinder in the Motion (Dkt. No. 3407), Sonoma Clean Power Authority filed a statement and a reservation of rights on the Motion and the Subrogation Motion (Dkt. No. 3415), and the Singleton Law Firm Victim Claimants filed a response in support of the Motion (Dkt. No. 3449).

On August 14, 2019, the Court held a hearing on the Motion, the Subrogation Motion, and the joinders thereto. The Court considered the Motion, the declarations of Steven M. Campora, Robert A. Julian, and Brent C. Williams, the amended declaration of Michael A. Kelly, the joinders to the Motion, the replies in support of the Motion, the Subrogation Motion, the declaration of Benjamin P. McCallen, the joinders to the Subrogation Motion, the oppositions of the Debtors, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, the Ad Hoc Committee of Senior Unsecured Noteholders, and the PG&E shareholders, and the declarations of Kevin J. Orsini and Thomas R. Kreller. On August 16, 2019, the Court issued its Decision Regarding Motions for Relief from Stay ("Memorandum Decision") (Dkt. No. 3571).

Now therefore, the Court having considered the papers and the argument of counsel at the hearing, and for the reasons stated in the Memorandum Decision, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:** 

- 1. The Subrogation Motion and the joinders thereto are granted and the automatic stay is terminated as requested in the Subrogation Motion to allow the members of the Ad Hoc Group of Subrogation Claim Holders, including the Subrogation Joining Parties, and the respective insurers for the preference plaintiffs listed on Exhibits A and B hereto, to pursue to judgment their claims against the Debtors regarding the issue of the Debtors' liability for the Tubbs Fire in the California Superior Court, where the claims are currently pending in JCCP 4955.
- 2. The automatic stay shall remain in full force and effect for all other purposes including with respect to the enforcement of any judgment that may be obtained by reason of the termination of the automatic stay as provided above.

3. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 4001(a)(3), or any other Bankruptcy Rule, this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

4. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

\*\*\* END OF ORDER \*\*\*

1	EXHIBIT A
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3	Alleged Tubbs Preference Plaintiffs Identified in the Motion and Alleged Indispensable Parties Thereto
4	Barbara Thompson (Joinder Dkt. No. 2861)
5	Indispensable Party: John Thompson (Joinder Dkt. No. 2861)
6	Indispensable Party: Matthew Thompson (Joinder Dkt. No. 2861)
7	<u>Indispensable Party</u> : Peter Thompson (Joinder Dkt. No. 2861)
8	Raymond Breitenstein (Joinder Dkt. No. 2861)
9	<u>Indispensable Party</u> : Stephen Breitenstein (Joinder Dkt. No. 2861)
10	John Caslin (Joinder Dkt. No. 2929)
11	Phyllis Lowe (Joinder Dkt. No. 2929)
12	William Edelen (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
13	Indispensable Party: Roxanne Edelen (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
14	Indispensable Party: The William L. Edelen and Roxanne G. Edelen Trust Agreement Dated June 22, 2011 (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
15	Burton Fohrman (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
16	Indispensable Party: Raleigh Fohrman (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
17	Indispensable Party: The Fohrman Family Trust Dated February 3, 1976 (Joinder Dkt.
18	No. 2930)
19	Indispensable Party: Jeremy Olsan (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
20	Indispensable Party: Ann DuBay (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
21	Indispensable Party: Jacob Olsan (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
22	Indispensable Party: The Jeremy L. Olsan and Ann M. DuBay Trust Dated November 29, 2011 (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
23	Heirs of decedent Monte Kirven (Kathleen Groppe, Ken Kirven and Brian Kirven) (Joinder Dkt.
24	No. 2930)
25	Indispensable Party: Kathleen Groppe (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
26	Indispensable Party: Ken Kirven (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
27	Indispensable Party: Brian Kirven (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
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1	Indispensable Party: The Estate of Monte Kirven (Joinder Dkt. No. 2930)
2	Don Louis Kamprath (Joinder Dkt. No. 2942)
3	Indispensable Party: Ruth Kamprath (Joinder Dkt. No. 2942)
4	Indispensable Party: The Donald L. Kamprath and Ruth Johnson Kamprath Revocable Trust (Joinder Dkt. No. 2942)
5	Elizabeth Fourkas (Joinder Dkt. No. 2942)
6	Indispensable Party: Pete Fourkas (Joinder Dkt. No. 2942)
7	Indispensable Party: Alissa Fourkas (Joinder Dkt. No. 2942)
8	Indispensable Party: The Fourkas Family Trust (Joinder Dkt. No. 2942)
9	Greg Wilson (Joinder Dkt. No. 2942)
10	Christina Wilson (Joinder Dkt. No. 2942)
11	Armando A. Berriz (Joinder Dkt. No. 2943)
12 13	Heirs of Carmen Caldentey Berriz (Armando J. Berriz, Carmen T. Meissner, Monica Berriz) (Joinder Dkt. No. 2943)
14	<u>Indispensable Party</u> : The Estate of Carmen Caldentey Berriz (Joinder Dkt. No. 2943)
15	Indispensable Party: Armando J. Berriz (Joinder Dkt. No. 2943)
16	Indispensable Party: Carmen T. Meissner (Joinder Dkt. No. 2943)
17	Indispensable Party: Monica Berriz (Joinder Dkt. No. 2943)
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1	EXHIBIT B
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3	Preference Plaintiffs Identified in Joinder of Singleton Law Firm Victim Claimants (Dkt. No. 3067)
4	Thomas Milton Howard
5	Catherine Maffioli
6	Glenda Samson
7	Barbara Spengler
8	Evelyn Venturi
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